

MINUTES
CLAY COUNTY SOLID WASTE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
8:00 A.M. THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2015
ROOM B, 3RD FLOOR, CLAY COUNTY COURHOUSE

Members Present: Kevin Campbell, Grant Weyland, Roger Richman, Wayne Lepper, Russ McDougall, Everett Nelson, Chuck Hendrickson, Jim Haney, Jon Evert, DiAnn Streifel

Members Absent: Russ Colson

Others Present: Kirk Rosenberger, Larry Henry, Shannon Thompson, Julie Kennedy, Beth Harries, Stephanie Reynolds, Steve Moore, Todd Bratlien, Paul Kalibabky, David Olek, and Kathy Ihle

On motion by Roger Richman, seconded by Russell McDougall, and unanimously carried, the Committee approved the meeting agenda.

On motion by Russell McDougall, seconded by Everett Nelson, unanimously carried, the Committee approved the minutes from December 18, 2014.

Landfill Updates

Larry Henry reported that the scale kiosk will be set up as soon as the equipment gets to the landfill. The flare is working and running more consistently, but the flare arrester occasionally gets moisture inside and freezes up, and when that happens, the flare arrester needs to be pulled to thaw out. Henry also reported that the landfill is receiving a lot of concrete from the Moorhead Power Plant. They are also receiving a heavier clay which is good for cover at the landfill. This summer, when the weather warms up, a crusher will be brought in to crush the concrete. The County Highway Department is interested in the concrete for some of their road projects this summer.

Recycling Updates

Shannon Thompson reported that the Request for Proposal (RFP) for qualified electronics recycling has generated three responses. The final candidate will provide recycling and disposal services for residential electronic components that will maximize recycling, appropriate management, and cost containment for Clay County.

Beth Harries handed out brochures that she recently updated pertaining to the Clay County Landfill rates and other services that are offered to residents; a residential recycling guide, and a Household Hazardous Waste Facility handout.

The handouts have information with landfill disposal rates, items that are and are not accepted, and how to prepare residential waste for disposal. Harries said that the website is being overhauled and it will be more user friendly and easier to navigate. The updated information is available on the website and in the hallway across from Solid Waste and Planning offices. The updated information is also available at Moorhead City Hall and given to new Moorhead residents. The fourth handout was a pie chart which gave the results of a recent 2014 waste survey. Forty percent of the garbage thrown out at the courthouse could have been recycled. Eighty-five percent of the true trash was garbage bags. The waste was collected November 17, 2014, and sorted by the Clay County Solid Waste staff, and Georgia Beaudry and the maintenance department.

The Recycling Association of Minnesota (RAM) is offering Message in a Bottle. This program recycles bottles and cans away from home using containers that look like giant soda bottles. The containers are offered free of charge to participating businesses, and pick up is free also. This recycling program provides meaningful work opportunities for individuals who have developmental disabilities by providing innovative vocational opportunities and a way for individuals to give back to their community.

Household Hazardous Waste Update

Julie Kennedy reported that compared to 2013, there were 194 more households using the Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) facility in 2014, and amount of household hazardous waste brought in increased by 15 percent. The amount of waste oil taken in at the site has decreased. Some residents may be burning waste oil and some may be utilizing the waste oil site at Walmart instead. Kennedy said she moved her office to the HHW building on Highway 10, and that is where she will be if anyone needed to get ahold of her. She said HHW's winter hours are Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The HHW building is not open on weekends, and that information will be advertised in the paper.

Kirk Rosenberger reports that Clay County is in the process of preparing a response to submit to the MPCA for the renewal of the landfill permit. The permit approval is a long process, but the permit will be good for 10 years. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency requires a Certificate of Need because of the materials that are being taken to the Perham Resource Recovery Center (PRRC). The MPCA also requires that the Clay County Landfill add a new well nest for safety concerns. The designation process has to be approved by the MPCA, as essentially it is an overview of the Solid Waste Plan, and legitimizes that the waste is going where it is designated to go. Ottertail and Wadena Counties have approved the waste designation plan. Todd, Becker, and Clay Counties have yet to approve the waste designation plan. If, at some point during the process Clay County decides to opt out, the County will have the opportunity to stop the

proceedings. The final feasibility draft for the transfer station should be available by the end of January.

Rosenberger also reported that Max Milankovich from Full Circle Organics is seeking to lease land to operate a food waste composting facility in Clay County if he can find enough carbon material. Milankovich is networking with the colleges, senior centers and the city of Fargo to compost food and food waste. A major task is to help him find a site in the county to compost 100 tons of food waste a day. Riverton Township is a potential site because it is less populated. Max Milankovich is scheduled to be at the next Clay County Solid Waste Advisory Committee meeting to provide information and answer questions.

On motion by Everett Nelson, seconded by Jim Haney, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.